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LOUISIANA'S OLD STATE CAPITOL HONORED WITH AWARD FOR EXHIBITS

Secretary of State Tom Schedler is pleased to announce that Louisiana's Old State Capitol has received an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History Leadership in History Awards for their new permanent exhibits. This award from the AASLH is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

The redesigned exhibits were opened last summer and include "The Ghost of the Castle", "The Statehouses of Louisiana", the Long Legacy Galleries and the "Governors' Portrait Gallery."

"I am so proud to tell citizens about the Old State Capitol and even more so now with the receipt of this award," Secretary Schedler said. "This museum tells the story of our state's political history, and I encourage everyone to visit our former statehouse."

This year, the AASLH distributed 59 national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, books and organizations. The winners represent the best in their field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history. Presentation of the awards will be at special banquet supported by the History Channel on Sept. 16 in Richmond, Va.

For more information about Louisiana's Old State Capitol, visit <u>www.sos.louisiana.gov/osc</u> or call 225.342.0500.

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